

Clark County Pioneers

functions of the post, probably because of Betsy's station as the daughter of an important Chief. Many of their children were baptised in the tiny wooden Catholic Church outside the Fort in 1846.

When Dr. McLaughlin resigned from the Hudson's Bay Company he told Richard that the beaver and other game were disappearing and advised him to find himself a piece of ground and become a farmer. Richard bought a piece of property at Washougal from an Englishman who wanted to go to California, purchasing it for \$45, a horse and saddle, and a batch of Betsy's newly baked bread. Betsy was a skilled midwife and presided at the births of many children of the early pioneers. Later, when the Donation Land Claim Act was passed by Congress, Richard filed on a claim of 633.91 acres. Part of the land eventually became the townsite of present day Washougal.

In 1910, Betsy was interviewed by D. W. Hutchinson of the *Oregonian* newspaper in Portland, Oregon, and she told of hardships encountered by some of the American settlers:

Sometimes, though we not got much, all hungry people come over the mountains in wagons, on horse, in canoe, maybe walk ... all the time come. All poor, got nothing. Maybe sick. Some fight Indian, loose ox. He come, stop here; maybe two or three, sometimes twenty come. Richard, he kill calf, kill steer, feed 'em potato; sometimes all gone. Never take money. Richard say "Betsy, we can't eat money. Money is only for playing cards with." She told a story of a poor man and woman with two baby girls that arrived at their farm. Her husband immediately milked the cow to feed the babies. After staying for a week, the couple left for the Willamette Valley and Richard sent along his cow so that the babies would not starve.

Richard passed away on August 30, 1884, and Betsy moved in with her son John, with whom she lived until her demise on July 16, 1911. She was thought to be anywhere from 98 to 104 years old. She never knew her exact date of birth. The Oughs are both buried in the Washougal Memorial Cemetery.

Children of Richard Ough and "Betsy" White Wing Schluyhus:

Sarah Cynthia Ough: b. 1839, WA, m. John Davis Woodward, 5 Mar. 1857 (b. IA)

Children of John Woodward and Sarah Cynthia Ough:

Richard Woodward: b. 1858, WA

William Woodward: b. 1861, WA

James Woodward: b. 1863, WA

Alfred S. Woodward: b. 1862, WA

Samuel Woodward: b. 1868, WA

Grace Marie Ough: b. 6 Mar. 1842, WA, m. Joseph Latourelle, 1859 (b. 1828, Canada), d. 6 Mar. 1918, Multnomah Co., OR, bur. Douglas Cemetery, Troutdale, OR

Children of Joseph Latourelle and Grace Marie Ough:

Joseph George Latourelle: b. 1862, OR

Richard Charles Latourelle: b. 1864, OR

Benjamin Mason Latourelle: b. 1865, OR

Alice J. Latourelle: b. 1867, OR, m. _____ Couter

Fanny Latourelle: b. 1869, OR

William A. Latourelle: b. 1871, OR

Clara E. Latourelle: b. 1875, OR, m. _____ Larson

Henry A. Latourelle

Richard Ough Jr.: b. 1845, Tualatin Plains, OR, m.1. Mary Thomas, m.2. Nancy Brown, 1 Mar. 1903 (b. ca. 1847, Hood River, OR), m.3. Lillie Thomas Phillips, 17 Dec. 1904, d. 2 May 1907, bur. Washougal Memorial Cemetery, Washougal, WA

Children of Richard Ough and Mary Thomas:

John Ough: b. ca. 1879, Oregon City, OR, m. Callie Marrin, 24 Aug. 1903, Clark Co., WA (b. 1883, TX, dau. of John Marrin and Eliza Brattin)

Benjamin J. Ough: b. Dec. 1848, WA, m. Ellen Brown